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Ranked and Ready

AFTER BEING NAMED A 'TEAM TO WATCH' BY THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, THE VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY TEAM HAS STARTED OFF STRONG.

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DRIVE·IN
THEATRE
Now Playing

BRINGING BACK THE DRIVE-IN

STARTED IN THE 1930s, DRIVE-IN MOVIES ARE ONCE AGAIN A SOURCE OF WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT FOR SHAKER STUDENTS.

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HATS OFF FOR THIS GUY

SHAKER SPEAKS EDITOR COLIN JACKSON GIVES HIS TAKE ON THE NEW HAT POLICY. HEAD OVER TO SHAKER SPEAKS TO SEE WHAT HE THINKS ABOUT THE NEW RULE.

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LEARN CHINESE!

SHAKER EXPANDS ITS FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT BY ADDING A BEFORE SCHOOL CHINESE CLASS.

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COVER SHOT

Senior Gracie Levin battles with a Stow player for the ball on Sept. 19. The field hockey team was named a "team to watch" by the Plain Dealer before the start of the year. Shaker lost 3-2 to Stow. Levin leads the team in total scoring with nine and goals with seven. Photo by Adam Maraschky.

EDITORS' NOTE

Wanna go to Harvard?

WESLEY LOWERY

ALLISON SCHARFSTEIN

It's no secret that the top colleges are impressed by applications that boast an extensive list of extracurricular activities. And Shaker students are usually the first to flaunt their involvement in a variety of school clubs and sports to show admissions representatives that they have a range of diversified interests and can handle several commitments at the same time.

In the past, this idea has survived as a well known but unspoken rule, whispered from guidance counselors to Ivy League eager students and parents, and understood by over-achieving students to whom getting accepted to their top college choice is of utmost importance.

However, some clubs have now jumped on the college-obsession bandwagon and are using this once secret rule as a clever advertising ploy.

Recently, the Junior Council on World Affair posted signs that read, "Wanna go to Harvard? Join JCWA." While one might argue that the signs simply advertised the club's conference at Harvard University, they very obviously held a deeper meaning. In our college-crazed community signs like that say one thing: If you want to go Ivy, join this club! While no one knows how many Ivy-seekers flocked to the first JCWA meeting, without a doubt, the signs only misled students into believing JCWA is their ticket to Harvard.

Even less subtle was Environmental Club's poster slogan, "colleges love students who love the environment." While an insightful group, we somehow doubt that Environmental Club has any idea what it is that colleges truly love.

The poster explicitly implies that a sincere interest in the environment is not necessary and the only prerequisite is an undaunted desire to impress the various admissions officers who daily graze the small auditorium and library conference room. Environmental Club should seek out members dedicated to the cause as opposed to college hungry students in desperate need of application padding. In a country with plummeting admissions rates, the last things clubs should do is add to the sensationalism of college admissions.

But don't be fooled. College interviewers will easily get to the heart of the reason you decided to join those additional six clubs junior year – not because you could no longer hold in your burning desire to join Future Janitors of America, but that you realized that your two-month almost membership might just be the spark you need to land that dorm room in New Haven.

In truth, it's quality not quantity that will enhance your application and impress colleges. So while you may think that joining 25 clubs will wow admissions representatives, your dedication to a select few is much more impressive.

SHAKER CLUBS

FLIP TO THE BEAT TO LEARN ABOUT A FEW OF SHAKER'S LESSER KNOWN CLUBS.

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CULT CRAZINESS IN CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Teenagers from across the greater Cleveland area flock to the Cedar-Lee Theatre monthly to 'experience' the showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

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EGRESS GETS A FACELIFT

After a summer of construction projects, students returned to find the former "hippie-hall" transformed into a vamped up lunch/study hall room. Hear what students think of the renovation.

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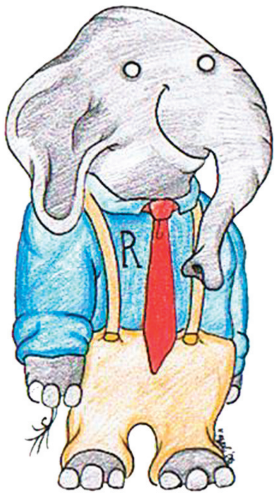

The November elections are fast approaching. Make sure that you flip to The Shakerite's voter guide to get the latest on all of the candidates.

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This Month

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FUN FILLED MONTH AHEAD

Summer is officially over and school is taking its toll. We've plunged head first into tests, homework and sleep deprivation. But no worries, this month is action-packed. From Halloween, to sporting events, to the leaves changing colors, October will surely feed your craving for excitement.

october

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 NO SCHOOL (Yom Kippur)	3 BLOODMOBILE @8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	4 ⚽ SOUTHVIEW @4:30 p.m. (w) 🏑 MEDINA @4:30 p.m.	5 ♪ NICK LACHEY @7:30 p.m. (Palace Theatre) 🏐 GARFIELD HEIGHTS @4:30 p.m. ⚽ GILMOUR @4:30 p.m. (w)	6	7 🏃 MEDINA INVITATIONAL @1:30 a.m. 🏑 BISHOP WATTERSON @11 a.m. 🏑 THOMAS WORTHINGTON @2 p.m.
8	9	10 🏐 EUCLID @4:30 p.m.	11 NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY This holiday is celebrated to commemorate when 500,000 people marched in Washington, D.C. for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender equality in 1987. The purpose of National Coming Out Day is to promote honesty and openess about one's sexuality.	12 ♪ NEW FOUND GLORY @6:00 p.m. (House Of Blues) 🏑 HATHAWAY BROWN @4:30 p.m. ⚽ BEAUMONT @4:30 p.m. (w)	13 NO SCHOOL (Professional Day)	14 🏃 L.E.L. CHAMPIONSHIP @10 a.m. 🏈 EUCLID @2 p.m. SAT 7:45 a.m. -1 p.m.
15	16 EARLY DISMISSAL (SCHOOL ENDS @2:08 p.m.)	17	18 ♪ JAMES BLUNT @7:30 p.m. (State Theatre) ♪ FALL CHOIR CONCERT @7:30 p.m.	19	20 SCHOOL PICTURE RE-TAKES	21 PSAT 8 a.m. -11 a.m.
22	23	24 UNITED NATIONS DAY The United Nations is an organization dedicated to international cooperation. Today is when we recognize this organization and those who have participated in it.	25	26	27 ♪ HELLO GOODBYE @7:30 p.m. (House Of Blues)	28 ACT 8 p.m. -1 p.m.
29 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (turn your clocks back one hour)	30	31 ♪ RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS @7:30 p.m. (The Q)				

CALENDAR KEY

🏃 Cross Country	🏈 Football	W- Women
🏑 Field Hockey	🏐 Volley Ball	
⚽ Soccer	♪ Concert	

* all sporting events on the calendar are home games

CLEVELAND TOPS CHARTS AS THE POORIST BIG CITY

Due to the loss of steel and other manufacturing jobs, Cleveland now has the highest poverty rate for a big city according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In past years the city has been near the top but never number one. Cleveland's 31.3 percent poverty rate places it above cities such as Newark, N.J. and Detroit, M.I. In Ohio, Cleveland's poverty rate is significantly higher than Cincinnati's 21.1 percent, Toledo's 20.3 percent and Columbus's 16.5 percent. The overall poverty rate in the United States is 12.7 percent.

CHINESE, THE NEW SPANISH?

BY WESLEY LOWERY AND KELLY EISELE
EDITOR IN CHIEF AND THE BEAT EDITOR

Due to increased interest, the high school is now offering a Mandarin Chinese course before school.

The course, in which 34 students are currently enrolled, meets at 7:15 a.m. daily in room 204. According to Director of Curriculum Jim Paces, the course was introduced as the result of a "long standing interest on part of the administrative staff."

The course also appeals to students. "It's something I've always been interested in," said freshman Samantha Goldfarb.

While the early time of the course deterred many prospective students, Goldfarb said that she doesn't mind the morning class. "I get up early anyway," said Goldfarb.

Raina Liluling, a volunteer who traveled from China to introduce students to Chinese culture, teaches the course. Liluling plans on "not only teaching the Chinese language, but also culture, literature, geography and maybe cooking."

Liluling, who receives no salary from the school, is staying with a host family and had to receive special permission from the Chinese government to come to the United States. "I came here to benefit schools, both in the United States and China," said Liluling.

Senior Carter Wang enrolled in the course hoping to learn more about his heritage. "It seems like a really good opportunity to learn about a language and culture that will have increasing influence in the future," said Wang.

Laura Stern, a senior, is anticipating the experience.

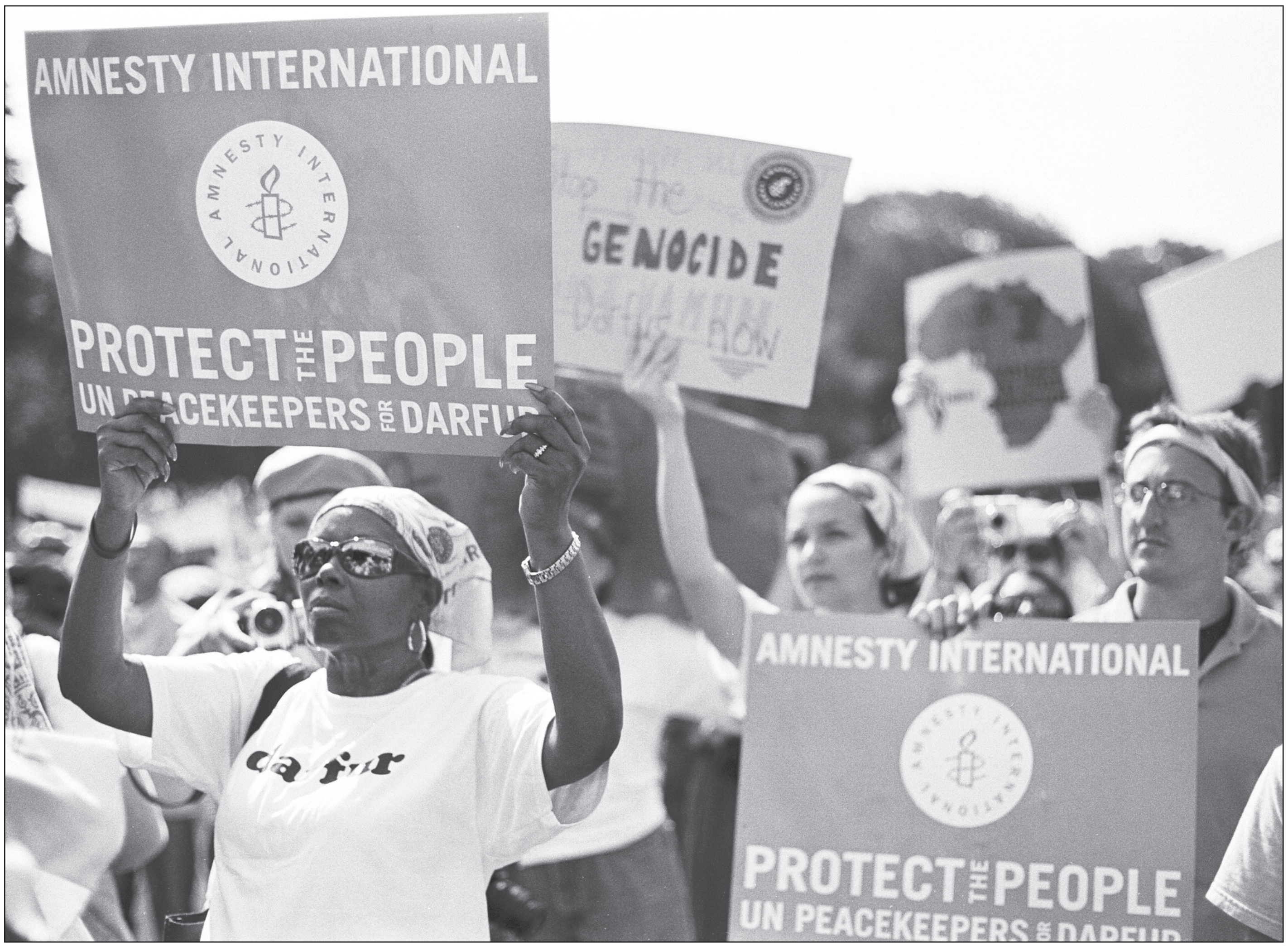
"I thought Chinese was a lot different than the other languages offered at the high school," said Stern. Stern is excited for the class and thinks it will be very well rounded.

Junior Allie Emrich, who is not a "morning person," was slightly hesitant in signing up for the class, but decided that a fundamental knowledge of the language would be helpful.

"I think it'll be a slow process, but we'll learn a lot," said Emrich.

Bobby O'Connor • The Shakerite

ABOVE RAINA LILULING teaches class on September 22. The class begins at 7:15 a.m. in room 204.



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Activists hold signs while listening to music and speeches at the Save Darfur Rally on Sept. 17. The rally attracted approximately 30,000 people to Central Park in New York City. The "Global Day for Darfur" attempted to spread awareness about the genocide and to demand United Nations peacekeepers be sent to the region. An estimated 500,000 native black Africans in the western province of Sudan have been killed by the Janjaweed Militia in attempt to cleanse the population.

FRESH TALENT FILLS SHAKER

BY BOBBY O'CONNOR
NOTEWORTHY EDITOR

The Shaker Heights school district hired five new teachers and reassigned six others in order to fill vacancies for the 2006-2007 school year.

Over the past five years, the district has hired a total of 54 new teachers. In the past, the high school has facilitated a program to acclimate new teachers to the school. However, this year, due to the increasingly large number of new additions to the faculty, the support group has been divided into two separate entities: one for teachers with between six and 15 years of experience and another for teachers with less than five years of experience at Shaker. English teacher Elaine Mason and science teacher Michael Becker direct the two groups.

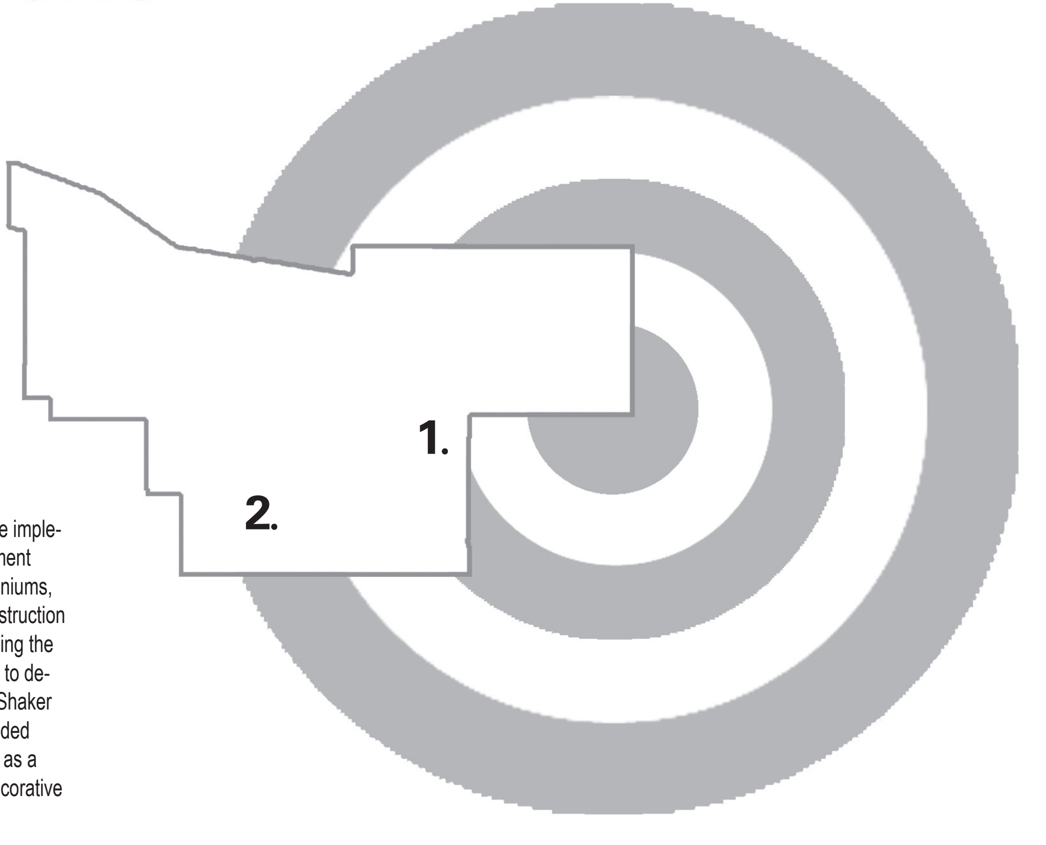
Not all of the new teachers are completely new. Some, such as Mason, have more than twenty years of teaching experience. "It's not about the age if they have a youthful enthusiasm," Becker said. "Often the young teachers have more of this enthusiasm," he added.

Becker said that the support group helps prepare new teachers for the school year and ensures that they are well adjusted to the building. The group meets before large events, such as parent teacher conferences and final exams.

To teach at Shaker, a candidate must be fully certified by the state of Ohio, have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college and have completed a successful student teaching experience.

English teacher Heather Baird was hired this year after being a long-term substitute and is an active participant in new teacher support group. "It has been a good start to the year," she said, "I hope it stays this way."

Shaker news



1. CONSTRUCTION - THORNTON PARK

The Thornton Park complex closed on Sept. 5 for massive renovations of the grounds and pool. The first phase involves the addition of a new parking lot and a reconfiguration of the current Warrensville Center Road exit. These renovations are scheduled to be completed by the start of the hockey season. The entire project includes the repair of the existing 50-meter swimming pool, the addition of a current channel and the restoration of the toddler pool and spray ground. In addition, the city plans to add a skateboard park, an outdoor basketball court and new landscaping.

2. CONSTRUCTION - SHAKER TOWN CENTRE

The Shaker Towne Centre redevelopment was one of the first projects to be implemented through the Strategic Investment Plan. This $60 million redevelopment project includes a $38 million investment in the Avalon Station loft condominiums, a $3 million improvement of the shopping center and Heinen's and the construction of a new $5 million firehouse. Additionally, $13 million was spent redeveloping the south side of Chagrin Boulevard to include on-street parking. In an attempt to decongest traffic in the shopping center, Winslow Court, a new road through Shaker Towne Centre, now connects Chagrin with Van Aken Boulevard. Also included in the project is the upgrade of sewers, electric and telephone lines as well as a redesign of the streetscape, which includes extensive landscaping, new decorative lighting and public art.

District news

1. POLICY CHANGES - SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL

A new high school rule placing a full ban on hats, cell phones and other electronics was enacted this school year. The student handbook states that hats and headgear may not be worn in the building except for religious purposes. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. electronic devices must be turned off and put away. Lunch and snacks can only be eaten in the cafeteria, Egress, social room, and main lawn. Students are not permitted to eat in other areas of the building due to sanitary considerations and custodial priorities. The rules were changed by a committee of 16 administrators, teachers and students who voted unanimously to amend the policies after a thorough comparison of Shaker's rules to the policies of 15 other districts in Ohio.

2. BAN THE "N" WORD – SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL

Shaker teachers began wearing shirts depicting a slash through a giant "N" on Friday, September 1. The idea for the shirts arose after the motivational meeting last May with Calvin Terrell. Dawn Sullivan, a library aide at the high school, organized the initiative and ordered the shirts. The teachers designed the t-shirts, which are similar to those they on The Abolish the "N" Word Organization website. The organization was created to bring awareness to the historically negative effects the "N" word contains. They hope to remove the word completely from the English language because they find it is racist and discriminatory. To find out more about the shirts and the movement visit www.abolishthenword.com

3. NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS - SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL

Shaker Heights High School had 11 students designated as National Merit Semifinalists and 23 students as National Merit Commended Students last year. Of the junior class, 22% had SAT scores higher than 1800. In the last five years Shaker has had as many as 25 National Merit Semifinalists in the graduating class of 2004, and 23 National Merit Commended Students in the graduating class of 2005. In 2002 and 2003 Shaker qualified for 15 and 12 National Merit Semifinalists respectively. In 2002, 2003, 2004 Shaker qualified for 12, 17 and 18 National Merit Commended Student respectively. Compared to the last five years, Shaker received the lowest number of National Merit Semifinalists but the highest number of National Merit Commended Students.

4. EGRESS RENOVATIONS- SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL

Over the summer the Egress was transformed. The renovation includes new carpet, lighting, furniture and handicapped accessibility. The total cost of the project was slightly over $200,000, paid for by bond issues specifically set aside for building projects. The Egress was redone instead of the cafeteria, which contradicts the plan that the district laid out last May. According to assistant principal Frank Wessinger, school officials made the decision to prioritize the renovations of the Egress because it lacked handicapped accessibility. To hear how students feel about the new Egress see Shaker Speaks Page 12.

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heard in the halls

"Your jeans are so tight you're gonna get a yeast infection."

Freshman: "There's a library in the school?"

Group (skipping through the halls): "Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way. Oh what fun..."
Teacher: "Do they know it's September?"

Person 1: "Can I get a dollar?"
Person 2: "No man, I'm saving my lunch money for a bong."

"Hey, have you found your lost ovary yet?"

Person1: "You ain't got no bunkbed."
Person 2: "Shut up yes I do."
Person 3: "That ain't gangsta!"

Clubs: exposed and uncovered

Everyone has heard of SGORR and YEH, but Shaker also has many lesser-known clubs. You may know someone in Academic Decathlon or DECA, but do you really know what those organizations are all about? Here are a few unfamiliar clubs that you may want to check out. Who knows? You might discover a new passion or just expand on your interests.

Marketing Education (DECA)

Advisor: Mark Leimsieder
Meetings: Room 100

Description: The Distributive Education Clubs of America, known as DECA, is a club within a class. It is an "organization for students enrolled in marketing," according to Mark Leimsider, the Marketing Education Coordinator and teacher of the class. Students study marketing during the school day, but are also required to "obtain and maintain employment for the year," working an average of 15 hours per week.

Type of students: In order to take the class, students must be seniors, apply and have permission from their parents and counselor to ensure that students will be able to handle both school and a job. Students in the class should be "interested in gaining real world experience in high school" to "catapult you towards career decisions." Students must be willing to commit two periods to the marketing class, although they do receive three credits by the end of the year.

Speech and Debate

Advisor: Robert White
Meetings: Room 311, Wednesdays

Description: Students participate in Saturday tournaments where they give speeches and debate on a nationally selected subject. The subject changes every two months, and each student must deliver a case for and against each subject.

Type of students: Students must devote a lot of time, especially early Saturday mornings. This is a good club for someone "interested in arguing, discussing, and learning new things," as well as students "looking to get smarter," says junior Thomas Neil.

Astronomy Club

Advisor: Gene Zajac
Meetings: Planetarium, T.B.A.

Description: Astronomy Club members organize star parties and public planetarium events. Students learn to work all of the equipment in the planetarium, including the slide projector, star projector and music and video gear.

Type of students: Those of you who have fond memories of the elementary class field trips to the planetarium might enjoy this club. Also, people who have "interests in space and science fiction," said Gene Zajac, club advisor, might want to participate in this organization.

Future Educators of America

Advisor: George Harley
Meetings: Room 118, Wednesdays

Description: This club will be starting fresh this year with a completely new group of students. During meetings, students will meet Shaker graduates who became teachers and discuss how education is affected by political decisions. Mock interviews and lessons are other activities that club members participate in. This group attends two conferences a year, one in Ohio and one out of state.

Type of students: People who have an interest in learning about education should look into this group. "It is not just for people who want to be teachers," says advisor George Harley.

Women Helping Educate Women

Advisor: Eleni Manous-Nolan
Meetings: Room 157, Thursday

Description: W.H.E.W. is an all-female club that takes part in community service events for women in the Cleveland area. Last year, club members spent time in a women's shelter and ran a car wash to raise money for abused women and mothers. Students in the group initiate all the volunteer events, and the details are discussed in their weekly meetings.

Type of students: Only females may be part of this organization. Sophomore Asia Davis recommends this club for students "who aren't judgmental and have a positive attitude."

Academic Decathalon

Advisor: Jose Perez, Dawn Sullivan
Meetings: 309, Mondays

Description: At meetings, students discuss the reading assignment from the previous week, which are usually about 10 pages long, and take a 10 question quiz. There is a scrimmage in February and a competition in March, both taking place at Hiram College. At these events, students take an 80 question multiple choice test, deliver speeches (one prepared, one improvised), sit through an interview, and participate in a team "superquiz." This year's general theme is ancient China. Weekly meetings are not mandatory and food is provided.

Type of students: "Anyone who has an interest in learning and having fun," is a good candidate for Academic Decathlon according to junior Cyrus Taylor. Also, students who can "think questions through well and make good guesses on tests" would enjoy this club.

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SHAKER'S TAKE ON STATE ELECTIONS

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ELECTION GUIDE 2006

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Governor

- Holds executive power in the State of Ohio
- Assigns duties to the lieutenant governor
- Is commander-in-chief of the military and naval forces of Ohio
- Can grant reprieves, commutations, and pardons for all crimes and offenses following conviction

Attorney General

- Acts as the lawyer for the State of Ohio and its departments, boards and agencies
- Holds enforcement power over consumer protection, charitable solicitation, antitrust actions and organized crime
- Defends the State in the case of a suit and engages in litigation on behalf of Ohio

Secretary of State

- Oversees the election process
- Is the chair of the Ohio Ballot Board, which approves ballot language for statewide issues, investigates election fraud and irregularities
- Licenses ministers to perform marriage
- Files all laws that are passed by the general assembly

UNITED STATES LEGISLATURE

Powers of Congress:

- Consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Has the power to declare war
- Is responsible for raising and supporting the army
- Makes rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces
- Proposes amendments to the Constitution

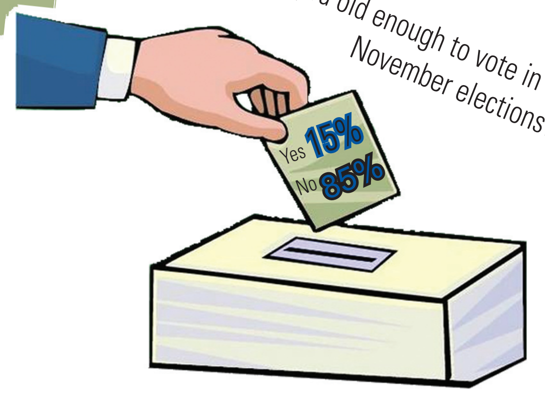
Congressman

- Represents the State of Ohio in the House of Representatives, which holds the sole power of impeachment
- Has the power to propose a bill raising revenue

Senator

- Represents the State of Ohio in the Senate, which holds the sole power to try all impeachments
- May propose amendments to bills

Are you old enough to vote in the upcoming November elections?



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GOVERNOR

Name: Ted Strickland (D) *
Hometown: Lucasville, OH
Family: Wife, Frances Strickland
What he's all about: Strickland hopes to raise the quality of education by giving teachers better access to technology and other resources. He wants to build on the current economy, create jobs and spur small and mid-sized business growth. He plans to stabilize health costs and increase access to health care.
Running mate: Lee Fisher

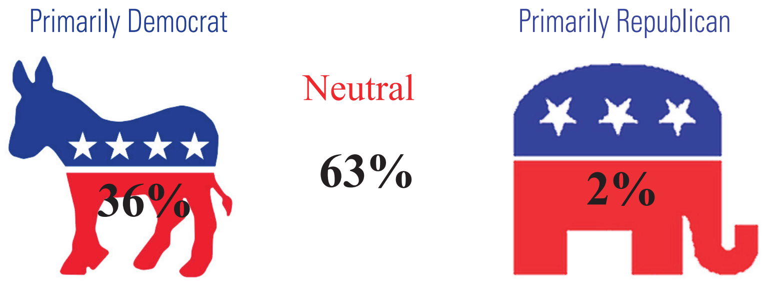
Name: Ken Blackwell (R)
Hometown: Cincinnati, OH
Family: Wife, Rosa Blackwell, and three children
What he's all about: Blackwell wants to create a pro-job and pro-growth, business friendly environment by controlling government spending and decreasing taxes. He plans to reform education spending so that 65% of school funding is spent on classroom instruction. He hopes to pass anti-abortion legislations and defend marriage as a union between one man and one woman.
Running mate: Tom Raga

SENATOR

Name: Sherrod Brown (D) *
Hometown: Avon, OH
Family: Wife, Connie Schultz, and four children
What he's all about: Brown plans to increase funding for scholarship programs and No Child Left Behind by bringing new technology into Ohio schools. He hopes to maintain the troops' working to rebuild Iraq while also returning focus to North Korea and Iran. He is interested in passing fair trade initiatives and investing in small businesses.

Name: Mike DeWine (R)
Hometown: Cedarville, OH
Family: Wife, Fran DeWine, and eight children
What he's all about: DeWine desires to make permanent tax cuts. He also intends to ensure that all schools receive their fair share of funding. Additionally, he plans to keep health care affordable and accessible.

Do you consider Shaker to be :



ATTORNEY GENERAL

Name: Mark Dann (D) *
Hometown: Columbus, OH
Family: Wife, Alyssa Lenhoff, and three children
What he's all about: Dann intends to reduce crime by reinstating Operation Crackdown, a previously successful program of Lee Fisher. He plans to better support police and prosecutors by increasing their investigative powers.

Name: Betty Montgomery (R)
Hometown: Perrysburg, OH
Family: Two brothers and a sister
What she's all about: Montgomery has continually passed anti-abortion rights legislation, the most decisive being the partial-birth abortion ban. She has also worked to improve Cleveland schools by maintaining funding and emphasizing the importance of education.

REPRESENTATIVE**

Name: Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D)
Hometown: Cleveland, OH
Family: Husband, the deceased Mervyn L. Jones, Sr., and one child
What she's all about: Tubbs Jones hopes to raise the minimum wage and increase funding to public schools. She hopes to create a plan for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

No Picture

Name: Lindsey String (R)
Hometown: Cleveland Heights, OH
Family: Two brothers
What he's all about: String intends to lower income taxes and work to control county spending. He hopes to decrease anti-American liberalism in communities, media and schools. He also plans to remove primary residence taxes.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Name: Jennifer Brunner (D) *
Hometown: Columbus, OH
Family: Husband, Rick Brunner, and three children
What she's all about: Brunner plans to improve elections by equally distributing voting machines, educating voters on the voting process and conducting all elections in a fair and open manner. She also hopes to protect privacy and aid in the recovery of victims of identity theft.

Name: Greg Hartmann (R)
Hometown: Cincinnati, OH
Family: Wife, Tracy Hartmann, and four children
What he's all about: Hartmann intends to decrease the occurrence of voter fraud and help voters stay informed by creating websites that detail candidates and the voting process. He also hopes to decrease identity theft through the development of the Identity Theft Protection Center.

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Media taints teen political views

"And so my fellow Americans: ask not what America will do for you- ask what you can do for your country."

These immortalized words of President John F. Kennedy have stuck with the United States decade after decade and when political affairs become topics of debate, young people are called upon to fulfill their duties as residents of this country. Today's youth is subject to a large amount of pressure from all parts of their life, especially the media.

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In our democratic society, one would assume that voting is not an option, that it is instead an obligation to one's government and fellow citizens. In recent years, the media has exercised its role in popular culture to influence today's youth and promote participation in politics through voting. I commend these groups, yet I question their intentions.

The groups have forgotten their ultimate goal: to bring as many voters to the booth on Election Day. Rather, they have extended the partisan nature of the government to the media through their practices. I'd rather see Diddy encouraging me to register than imposing his political views and pushing me to sign up as a Democrat.

I recognize myself as an Independent, not extremely liberal or uniquely conservative, which makes me believe that campaigns rallying for more voters should stick to the topic of registration rather than promoting a particular side.

First-time voters desire encouragement to vote, but the pressures that the media places on today's youth to side with a certain candidate leads me to believe that all parts of the media, news and popular culture have grown biased toward one side. This assumed bias more often benefits the majority or discourages those who do not wish to have their political ideals be questioned by MTV and VH1.

The leaders in the world of political pop culture are in a new breed of entertainment, fake news shows. Most notably, "The Colbert Report" and "The Daily Show with John Stewart" have taken political cynicism to new heights.

The fact of the matter is that both programs draw people young and old to laugh at the peculiarity and ridiculousness of news. They take everyday stories and turn them into parodies for your viewing pleasure weekdays at 11 and 11:30 p.m.

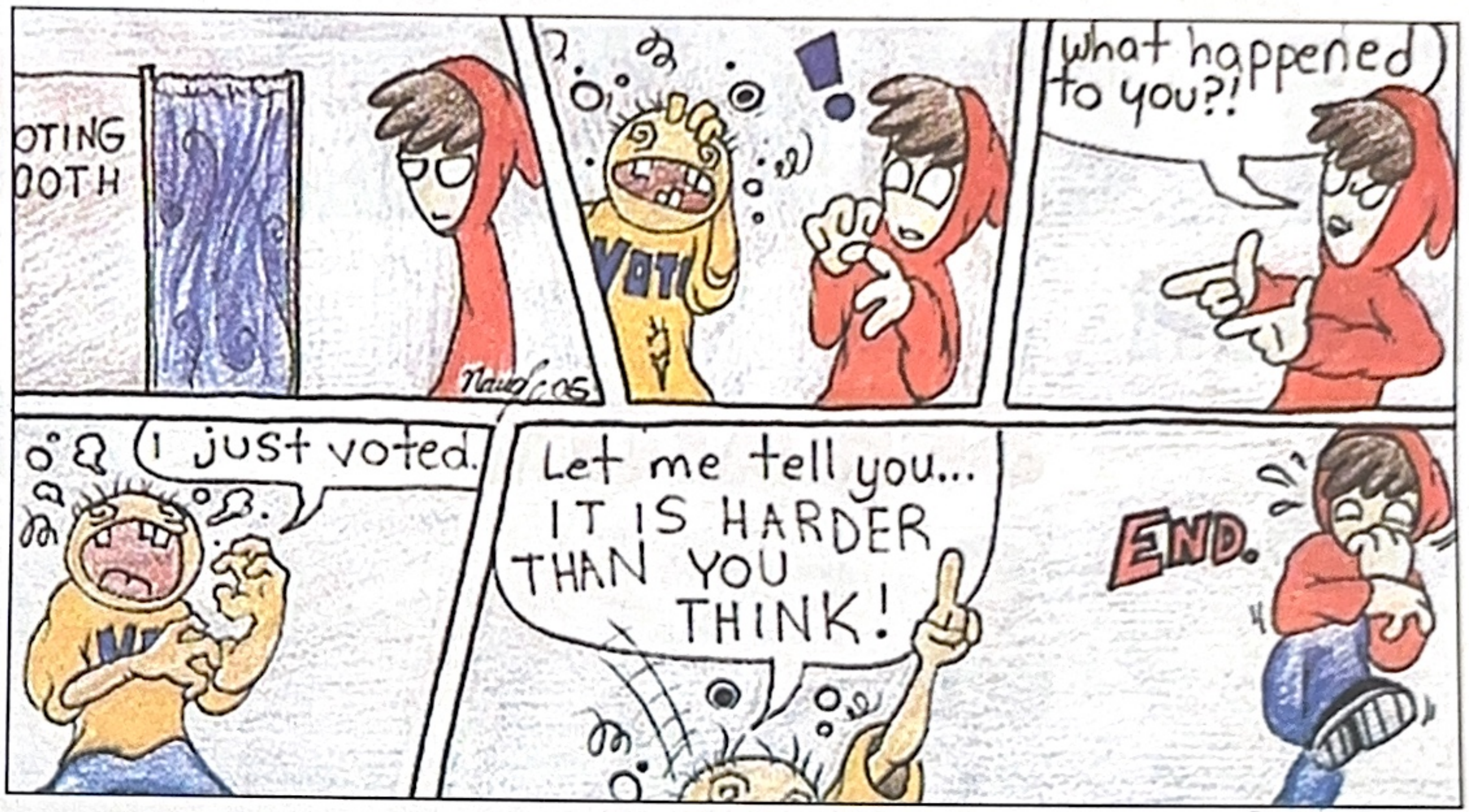
A dry humor mixed with a sarcastic undertone provides viewers with odd depictions of political figures and national events. I find these programs entertaining and occasionally a good source of information, however they do employ a clear partiality that is reflected through the witty commentary that the lead broadcaster deliberately applies.

If Stephen Colbert truly doesn't believe a word that comes out of his mouth during the taping of his show, then teens should stray from media that intertwines with popular culture because of its incredibility as a source of information.

Though these fake news programs display a clear bias when it comes to politicics, there is a mocking undertone that separates them from Diddy or MTV, which allows viewers to set them aside as pure humor with limited intellect.

Of course, the incentive to read The New York Times or Newsweek isn't always there. It is your choice, whether or not you pay attention to the political opinions the media considers to be majority will.

My cap goes off to first-time voters who plan accordingly, register to vote and remain unaffected by the media's portrayal of candidates.



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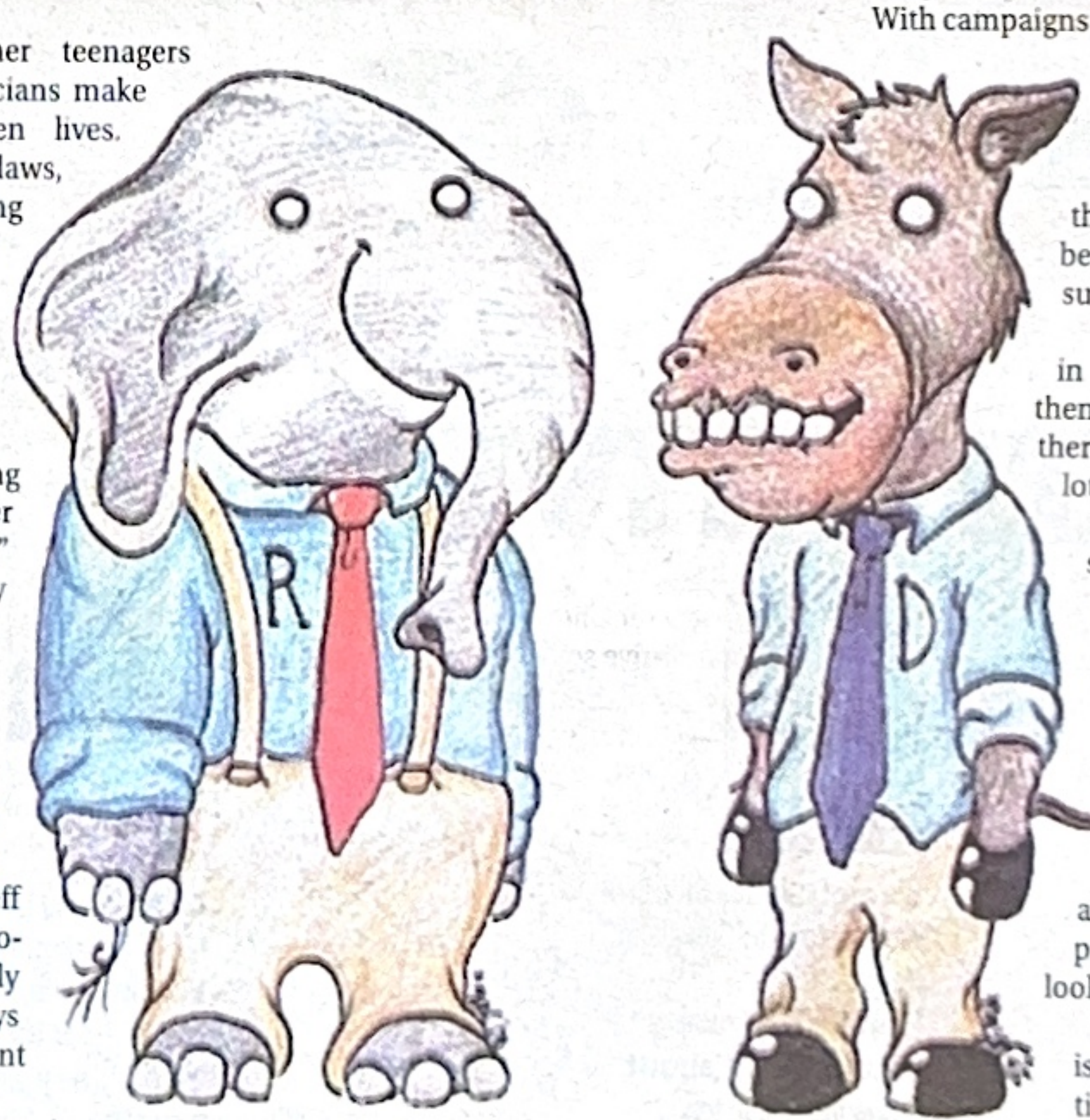
TEENS BATTLE POLITICAL APATHY

KELSEY DEFOREST
CORE EDITOR

Almost any adult will tell you that teens just don't care, at least not about politics.

"We don't have enough say to really affect what's going on," said sophomore Tempest Charles.

"It's hard to blame kids for not getting involved because there aren't that many easy ways for anyone under 18 [to be active]," added sophomore, Casey Slive.



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Unfortunately, whether teenagers have a say or not, politicians make choices that affect teen lives. Whether it is abortion laws, raising taxes or increasing the number of required standardized tests, politicians make changes, and if teens ever want to influence these changes, they need to be active.

"[The election] is going to affect them, whether they are involved or not," government teacher Tony Cuda said.

Other teens do not believe age should limit one's political voice.

"You have to be the voting age to [vote], but when you're young you can protest," junior Jeff Stevens said. "A lot of people went to that Bush rally downtown. There's always ways you can get the point across."

"I feel like there is so much I could do," said Slive, who has participated in several rallies in Washington D.C. and volunteered with the John Kerry campaign in 2004. "Even when there aren't campaigns going on, I feel like there's still a lot to do."

The cause of much of the political indifference is unknown.

Some believe this disinterest is due to the perception by teens that politics do not affect them.

"The end of the draft is the biggest factor in apathy toward politics and the war," said Cuda. "It has really disconnected young people from relating to the political process."

When it comes to reengaging teens to politics, some think an early start is the way to go.

"If current events were taught at a younger age, we would have more access to the mainstream world. And from there politicians could address teen issues more openly," said Charles.

Government teacher Bud Longo believes that some steps have already been made to reach the teen audience. "I think President Clinton showed the way with [his work with] MTV," said Longo.

With campaigns like "Vote or Die" and "Rock the Vote" making small improvements in the number of teen voters, clearly MTV can not be the only solution. Charles attributes this to the divide that many teenagers tend to place between MTV and "real world" issues, such as politics.

"We tend to look at things going on in our own pop culture and separate them from the 'adult' world. I don't think there are two worlds. They really have a lot to do with each other," said Charles.

MTV may try as hard as it can, but some teens will never think it is cool to be active in politics.

"Sitting around at night with your friends and just talking about politics was common," said Cuda describing teen-hood in the sixties, "and having opinions was important."

Without teen discussion and activism, elections, particularly non-presidential elections, are often overlooked.

"In a non-presidential year, there is always less participation [in elections],' said Longo.

Some teens, however, see the importance of small, state-wide elections.

"I think it is the smaller elections that need more focus, that we need to pay more attention to. We seem to pass them up as if they are not as important as the bigger elections," said Charles. She added that candidates are going to have to try a lot harder to access the teen demographic.

Stevens, who considers himself politically aware, feels that teens must work to understand the issues at hand because it is their lives that will be impacted.

"More people should be aware if there is a problem or something that is going to affect them in the future, so they can have a chance to do something and have a say."

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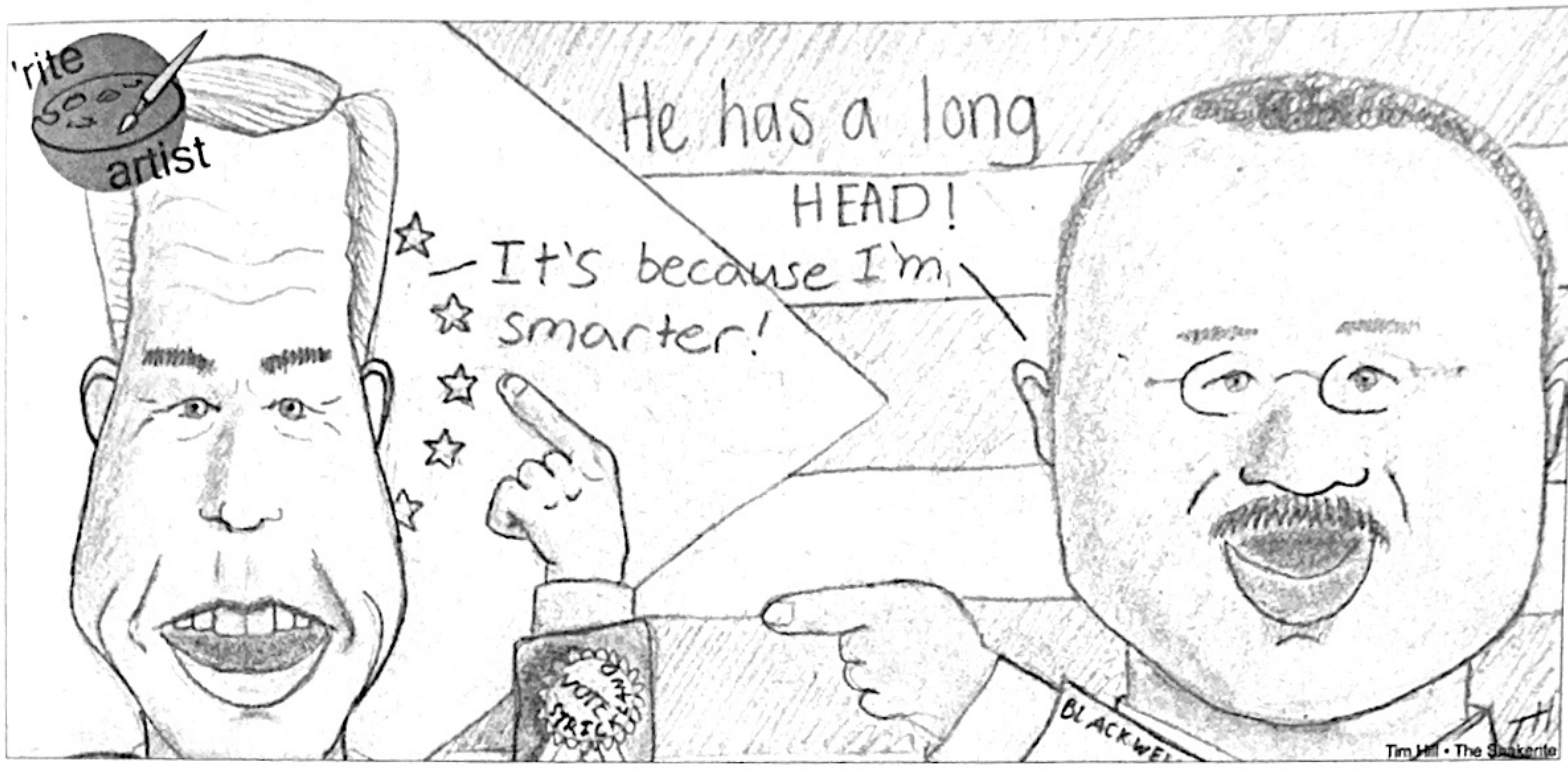
DO YOUR PART

Want to do more than just cast your ballot in the upcoming election? Volunteering for a gubernatorial campaign is a great way to get involved, and get credit towards government hours. Volunteers distribute yard signs and literature, write letters to local news publications, make phone calls and work in the local campaign offices. Visit www.tedstrickland.com or www.kenblackwell.com to sign up.



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STRICKLAND FOR GOVERNOR

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	TED STRICKLAND	KENNETH BLACKWELL
EDUCATION	● Platform: Strickland plans to focus on improving the state's early childhood education system. He wants to encourage schools to offer full-day kindergarten by offering funding incentives. He also plans to expand the state's rating system for pre-schools to offer more comprehensive choices for parents. ● Our Take: These are positive measures to get Ohio's kids on the right track from the get go. The better the schools the better the students and no time is better than preschool.	● Platform: Blackwell wants to expand the state's voucher program to keep schools cost efficient. He plans to control school budget spending by requiring 65 percent of each district's budget to be allocated for classroom instruction. ● Our Take: While curbing spending is important, vouchers have a negative impact on schools. They force schools to compete for state funding by performing well on standardized tests. This causes schools to design curriculum based on standardized tests, which discourages learning.
ECONOMY	● Platform: Strickland wants to bolster Ohio's energy industry. He wants to invest in alternative sources of energy to create jobs and prepare the state for the future. He also plans to set an example by using alternative energy in government buildings. ● Our Take: This is a strong measure that kills two birds with one stone. Energy efficiency is a massive problem in the United States as is joblessness in Ohio. By pushing for higher energy standards Strickland creates more jobs and puts Ohio in the earth conscious category.	● Platform: Blackwell wants to create jobs and improve the economy by reducing taxes. He plans to convert income taxes to a single flat tax and curb government spending. Blackwell also wants to privatize the Ohio turnpike to fund job creation. ● Our Take: How will the state fund any of Blackwell's ambitious projects if he reduces taxes? A flat income tax is a poor excuse to cut taxes for the rich while over-taxing those with smaller incomes.
SOCIAL ISSUES	● Platform: Strickland's main focus would be on healthcare. He plans to coordinate insurance companies and small businesses to offer affordable healthcare to the uninsured. ● Our Take: Healthcare is a right, not a privilege. The actions that Strickland plans to take will move towards more healthcare for more people, a goal that should be taken on by the entire country.	● Platform: Blackwell's focus would be on promoting a "culture of life". He was instrumental in the passage of the Ohio Marriage Amendment, which defined marriage as the legal union between a man and a woman. He is also an opponent of abortion rights. ● Our Take: Blackwell's conservative beliefs might lead him to enact legislation that would restrict access to abortion and continue to limit gay rights.

MAD HATTER UP IN ARMS

A brand-new powder blue Ecko shirt, starched and pressed jeans, a gleaming sterling silver chain, and Fresh Air Force ones are all necessities to a perfect outfit. The only thing that could make this outfit complete is a matching North Carolina University pro model hat. However, in light of the new headgear rules, this perfect outfit will remain a dream.

Colin Jackson

Though I am an avid hat connoisseur, I do realize that certain levels of respect need to be maintained. It seems that each year the dress code becomes harsher. Could it be that these regulations are a reflection of the student body? Are we becoming a society that is incapable of even understanding common courtesy?

Upon hearing this new regulation outlawing all headgear within Shaker hallways, a feeling of disbelief came over me. Limiting personal accessories is a step towards universal conformity.

I own over 60 hats. This new alteration to the rules has proved to be quite a problem for my cranial expression.

The majority of my wardrobe is purchased for school and now that my essential accessory is banned, I am at a loss for how to complete my ensemble. In truth, my nightly routine includes a 20-minute consultation with my wardrobe. Now instead of mastering the art of color coordination, I am left with time to watch the newest mind numbing reality TV craze, most recently, Flavor of Love. Every morning I must leave my house with my outfit miserably incomplete.

So now, in a attempt to quench my thirst for complete color coordination through other outlets, such as sunglasses. Sunglasses are still tolerated in the building as long as they remain on your head and not covering your face. However it is possible that in ensuing years, sunglasses will suffer the same persecution that hats have faced.

Who is to say what is next to be burned at the stake as a nuisance to the school community? In time it could even be said that Shaker's beloved SGORR shirts or varsity jackets are problems because of the buzz that they create. My problem with the new rule is not what it entails, but what further restrictions could quite possibly follow.

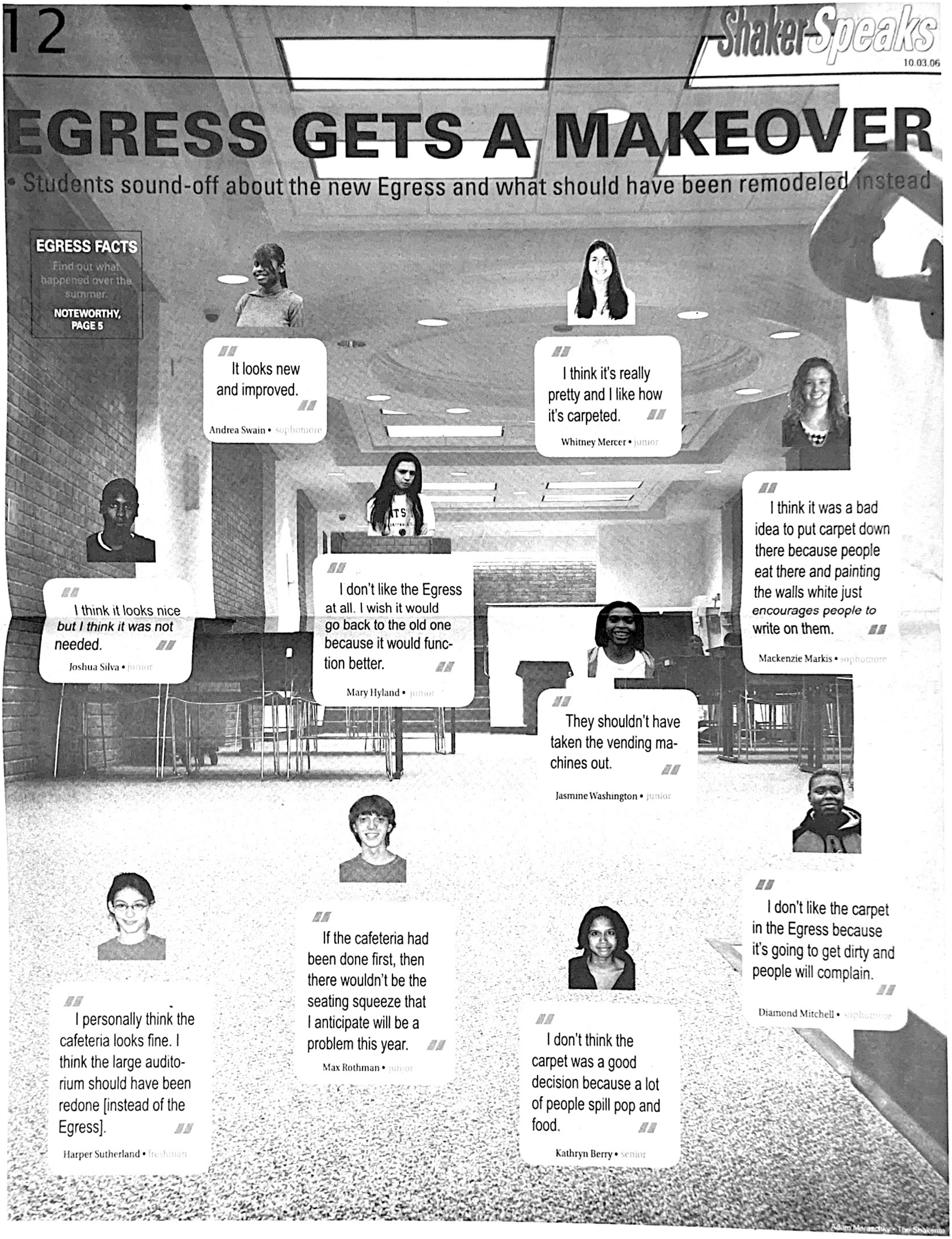
Still, some would argue that I am simply another student ranting about the fact that I can't wear my Yankees fitted in the hallways. Rather, I am outraged because I feel as though the administration is trying to create an idealistic society. They do not realize that no student body of the past or in the future will ever reach this goal.

It seems as though the administration's focus on the new hat policy has destracted attention from more important problems in this school. The horid language in the halls, the graffiti in every bathroom, and the drug abuse that happens on school property are far greater problems than what I put on my head.

Left with very limited options for my fashion accessories, I may have to resort to the Paris Hilton approach. You never know, you might see me toting around a small shaking poodle, in matching carrying case.

EGRESS GETS A MAKEOVER

• Students sound-off about the new Egress and what should have been remodeled instead



EGRESS FACTS

Find out what happened over the summer.

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“It looks new and improved.”

Andrea Swain • sophomore

“I think it's really pretty and I like how it's carpeted.”

Whitney Mercer • junior

“I think it looks nice *but I think it was not needed.*”

Joshua Silva • junior

“I don't like the Egress at all. I wish it would go back to the old one because it would function better.”

Mary Hyland • junior

“I think it was a bad idea to put carpet down there because people eat there and painting the walls white just *encourages people to* write on them.”

Mackenzie Markis • sophomore

“They shouldn't have taken the vending machines out.”

Jasmine Washington • junior

“I personally think the cafeteria looks fine. I think the large auditorium should have been redone [instead of the Egress].”

Harper Sutherland • freshman

“If the cafeteria had been done first, then there wouldn't be the seating squeeze that I anticipate will be a problem this year.”

Max Rothman • junior

“I don't think the carpet was a good decision because a lot of people spill pop and food.”

Kathryn Berry • senior

“I don't like the carpet in the Egress because it's going to get dirty and people will complain.”

Diamond Mitchell • sophomore

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UNDERGROUND CONCERT LIST
10/4 Ladytron, CCS @ Beachland Ballroom $15
10/5 Jenny Lewis and the Watson Twins @ House of Blues $14/$16
10/11 Matt Nathanson/ Carbon Leaf @ Beachland Ballroom $12
10/15 Islands/ Socalled/ Sister Suvi @ Grog Shop $12
10/27 Los Straitjackets / Pontani Sisters / Kaiser George @ Beachland Ballroom $15

CULT CLASSICS CREATE FAN CRAZE

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JUNIOR LEAH NEWMAN converses with friends outside the Cedar Lee Movie Theater before the Sept. 2 showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture *Show." Newman always wears the traditional attire for the film. "I can wear little clothes with nobody judging me. There's no dress code."*

BY JOSH DAVIDSON
LIMELIGHT EDITOR

A mob of teenagers in brassieres and hot pants gather around a street corner at midnight on a Saturday. For a movie.

While their appearance may lead one to think otherwise, this mass of half-clad youth is gathered around the Cedar Lee Movie Theater to see "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Originally released in the fall of 1975, this remarkable film contains a simple plot. It's a sci-fi-musical-drama-comedy about two engaged normal folk who get a flat tire and end up in a scary castle.

The fiances sing, dance and cross-dress through a drama created by a Transylvanian transvestite.

Yet, its not the story line that leads people to see the same movie every month; ("The Rocky Horror Picture Show" *plays the first Saturday of every month at the Cedar Lee* Movie Theater) it's the experience.

Going to "Rocky," as it is referred to by its numerous loyal fans, comprises dressing up, dancing, singing, and using props. In addition, there is a live performance of the movie and post film parties.

"There's fat chicks wearing no clothing, there's guys wearing chicks' clothing," said senior Brian Allen, who has attended every midnight showing for an entire year.

"Its fun to look like a whore without any social repercussions," said Teresa Leiser, a junior at Cleveland Heights High School.

"You get to see a movie that is the most ridiculous movie in the world," said junior Leah Newman, who has been attending the film with Allen for the past year.

"Rocky" is part of a family of movies called cult films.

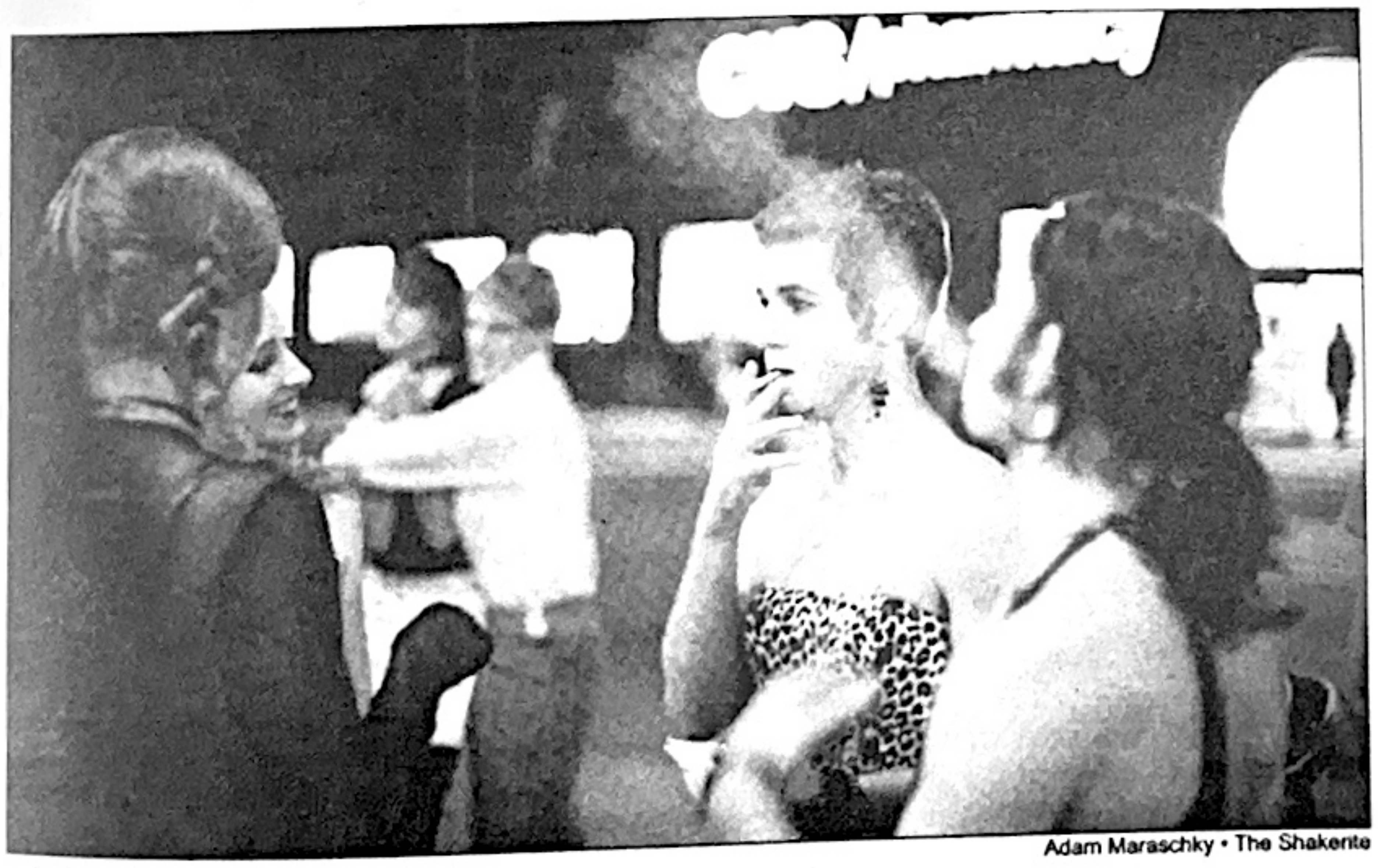
Cult movies are films that often experience little success when first released, but they have characters or scenes that attract an intense, almost obsessive audience.

The Cedar Lee Movie Theater recently began a "Cult Film Series" that has shown "Fight Club" and "The Big Lebowski," and plans to show "Donnie Darko" and "Napoleon Dynamite."

"Snakes on a Plane," is the most recent cult film. This summer blockbuster, like many other cult classics, has a rather absurd plot that focuses on, well, snakes on a plane.

The build up to this film was a prime example of the cult film phenomenon. Months before the movie came out people were talking about it, making T-shirts, planning parties to go see it, and even making fun of it.

Newman says the cult experience is one that grows. "Month after month you become the people you remember seeing when you first went," said Newman.



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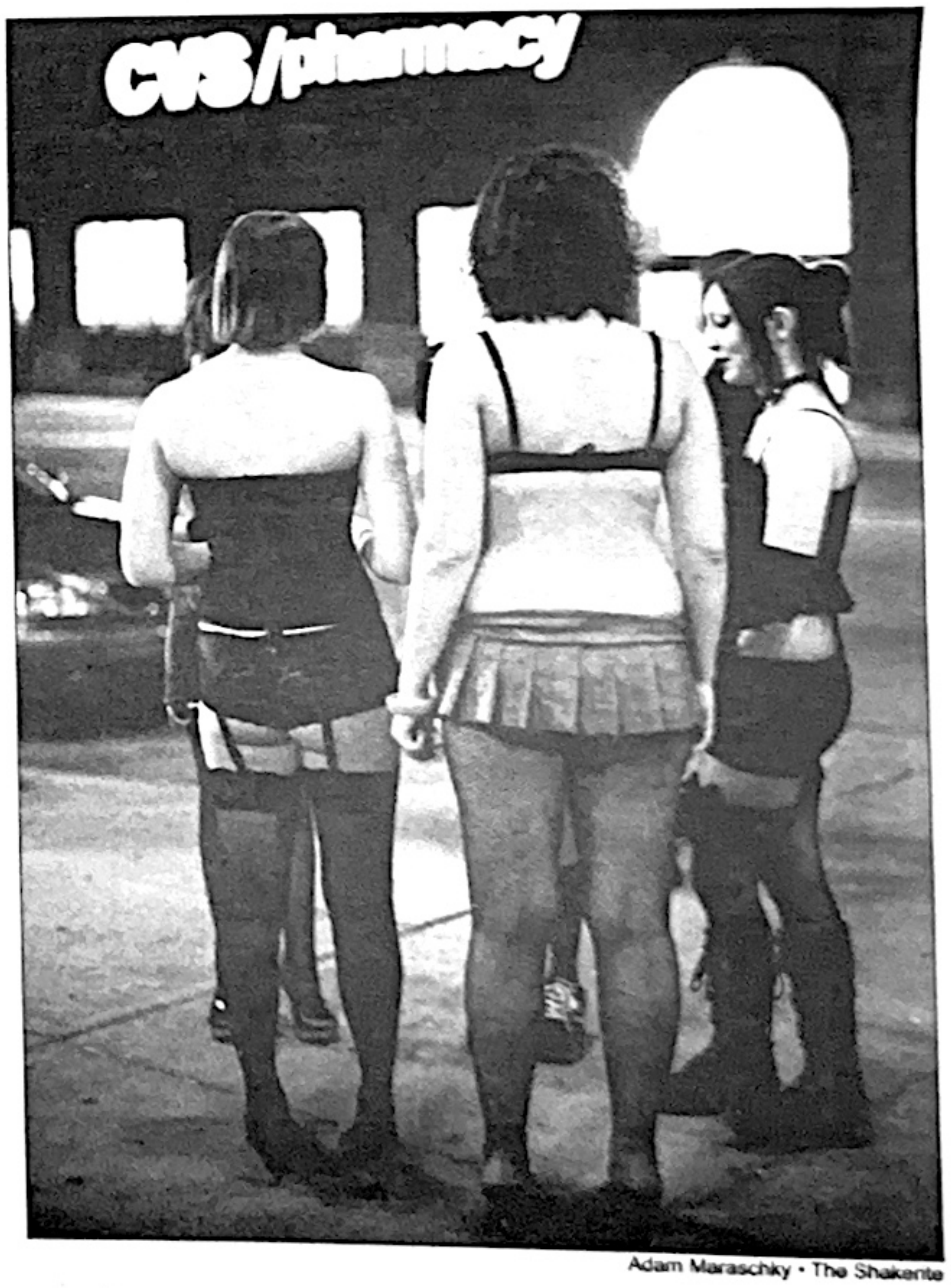
TWO YOUNG MALES socialize while smoking before going into the Cedar Lee Movie Theater on Sept. 2. Cross dressing is socially acceptable in the "Rocky" community and a popular among male attendees of the movie.



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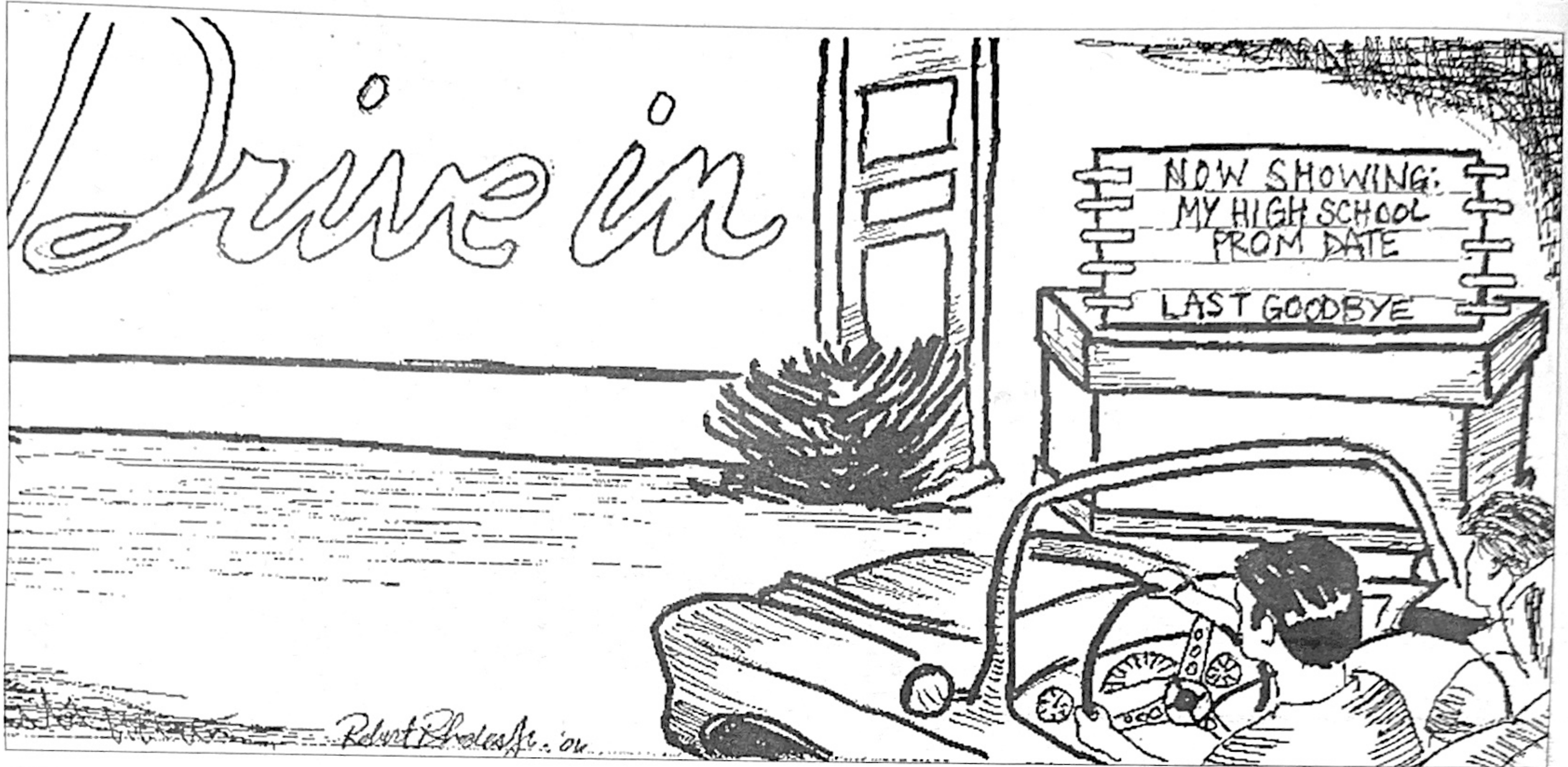
SCANTILY CLAD WOMEN congregate outside before going to see the midnight showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." The lack of clothing does not stop when the temperature drops. Movie attendees are seen shirtless and in stilettos through the snow filled months of winter.



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Everything old is new again: the return of the drive-in

BY CARRIE REESE
LIMELIGHT EDITOR

Movies evoke images of dark theaters, popcorn and pop; however, drive-in movies are viewed from a car parked in front of a huge movie screen with the summer breeze wafting in the windows.

They began in the 1930s, but five decades later, drive-in movies remain an exciting alternative to the usual Friday night movie.

For the most part, Shaker students rarely go to drive-in movies.

"I've never heard of anyone going to a drive-in movie except for my parents when they were in college," said senior David Somach.

Only 35 percent of Shaker students have attended drive-in movies, and, of that 35 percent, only nine percent preferred drive-in movies to movies in a regular theater (scientific telephone poll of 115 students with a margin of error +/- 9 percent conducted by Shakerite staff).

David Schiopota, former teacher of the Film as Art class, agreed that not many students go to drive-in movies.

"I don't know many people that go," said Schiopota, who added that the few drive-in movie theaters he knows of are on the west side. "I did research and found that the number of drive-ins are increasing and they might be opening a few more," he said.

According to driveintheater.com, the 1990s and 2000s have been full of restoration of theaters and even the construction of new drive-ins, drawing a new generation to the theaters.

Ohio's very first movie theater, The Starlight Auto Theatre, was a drive-in theater. It opened in 1937, just two years after the country's first drive-in opened in New Jersey.

Senior Ben Newton, who saw Jurassic Park at a drive-in in Toledo, describes the experience as "ten times more hardcore than normal movies."

Newton explained that drive-in movies are more about the experience than the movie itself. "If you're trying to see a movie, don't go to a drive-in," said Newton.

"I didn't like the movie any different because it was a drive-in," said freshman Lucy Abrams, who said she would consider going to a drive-in with her friends.

The closest drive-in theater to Shaker is the Memphis Drive-in, located just outside Cleveland near I-71, which opened in 1954. It currently has three screens and a 1,000-car facility. The admission is $6.50 for adults and free for children under age 11.

"[Drive in movies] sound fun but I haven't really heard of anyone going to them; I guess they're not big around here where it's artic twenty-four seven," said Somach.

Favorite new music

•Shaker students sound off about their favorite bands and artists for the month of October

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Wolfpack Muzik Vol. 2

"Hard core hip-hop and skateboarding merge in The Vans Song by Wolfpack," said Shaker Speaks editor Colin Jackson.

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The Shins: "I really like the singer's voice and the way they sound is really nice," said senior Aaron Fallon, "I don't have a favorite song, but I like their whole album called 'Chutes Too Narrow'." He described the genre as "kind of indie, soft-rock-ish, alternative."

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the Shins
Chutes Too Narrow

Photo courtesy of www.muziekliljstjes.nl

CHAIN HANG LOW

Photo courtesy of www.geffen.com/jibbs

"Chunk Up the Deuce" by Lil' Keke and Paul Wall and "Chain Hang Low" by Jibbs are senior Jeannie Williams' favorite songs right now. "These songs get my friends so pumped up, we have lots of fun listening to them," she said.

LIL KEKE
CHUNK UP THE DEUCE

Photo courtesy of www.digiwaxx.com

Compiled by Carrie Reese

Lake Erie League looks to level playing field

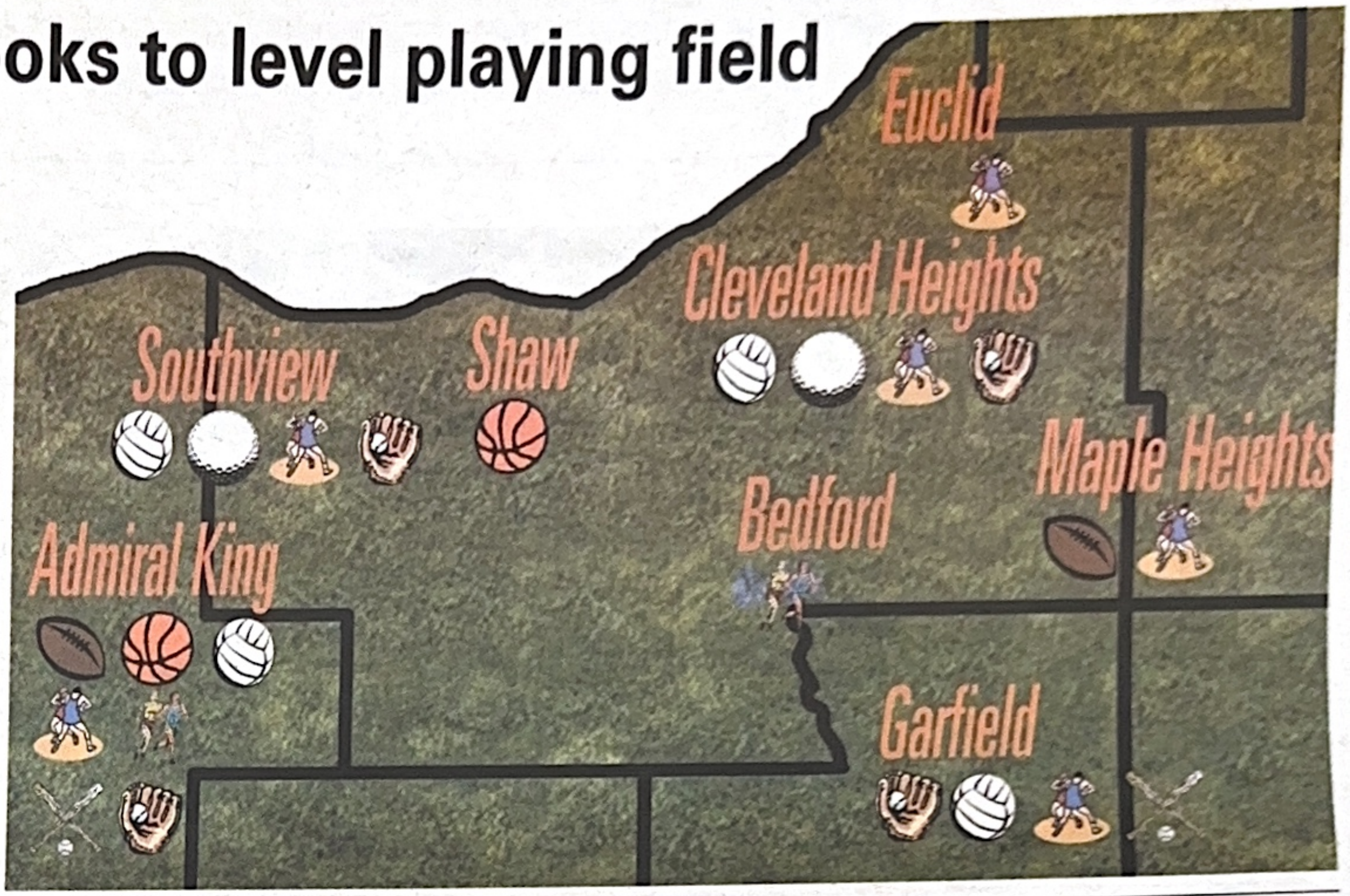
BY TEDDY CAHILL
RAIDER ZONE EDITOR

After years of blowouts and lopsided standings, the Lake Erie League is undergoing a realignment for this school year.

The LEL is composed of two divisions that were previously based on the size of the school. Larger schools made up the Lake Division and smaller schools made up the Erie Division.

Now schools will be able to choose their division for each sport based on their talent level.

Shaker will not change divisions at all, but archrival Cleveland Heights will move down divisions in three sports - golf, wrestling and softball. Admiral King is changing divisions in six sports, the most of any school.



Key for the New Lake Erie League Map

- Maple Heights switches with Admiral King
- Garfield and Southview switch with Cleveland Heights and Admiral King
- Southview switches with Cleveland Heights
- Shaw switches with Admiral King
- Garfield, Maple Heights and Southview switch with Cleveland Heights, Admiral King and Euclid
- Bedford switches with Admiral King
- In baseball, Garfield switches with Admiral King
- In softball, Garfield and Southview switch with Cleveland Heights and Admiral King

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NEW MAN IN TOWN:

Not too long after former baseball coach Bud Longo submitted his resignation, Michael Babinec, former eighth grade baseball coach, was named the new baseball head coach by new A.D. Don Readance. Babinec coached at the middle school for six years. "I see two very distinct differences between middle school and high school players," Babinec said. "The first is the obvious physical differences… and the second being the speed at which the players play the game."

TEDDY CAHILL

NEW MAN IN TOWN PART TWO:

Don Readance used to spend only a portion of the year at Shaker Heights High School as women's basketball coach. Now, as the new Athletic Director, his job is a full-time gig. He replaces both Dave Sedmak, who moved to the Dayton- area, and Susan Brown, who resigned during the summer. Good luck with that workload, especially in the winter.

MIKE YOUNG

FOOTBALL SCHEDULING:

Shaker was scheduled against three ranked teams, including St. Edward, one of the top teams in the state, in the first three games (in addition to having to face powerhouses Mentor, Maple Heights, and Euclid in league play). This decision has come back to bite the football team record-wise. Let's not forget, though, that one of the many goals for high school football coaches is exposing to scouts at the next level. Scouts have been all over the ranked teams Shaker has played, providing a chance for our players to stand out too.

WORLD SERIES PREDICTIONS:

Mike- Padres vs Yankees (Yankees in five)
Teddy- Mets vs Yankees (Yankees in four)

NEW FIELD ALREADY WORN OUT:

The baseball team only had a season to get used to their newly renovated field. It has to be repaired again because of damages done to the field over the summer. Readance estimates that the repairs will cost "a significant amount of money." According to Shaker's Manager of Sports Facilities, Bill Murray, a different type of dirt contaminated the infield dirt surface. "Because it was contaminated it might hurt the drainage," Murray said.

REGGIE BUSH INCIDENT:

If you haven't heard about former Southern California and current New Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush's alleged improper benefits scandal, then you probably have been watching ESPN. That's considering ESPN doesn't seem to care about anybody's wrongdoings outside of Ohio State, who gets the lead story on Sportscenter anytime a former Buckeye turned AK-47 wielding criminal alleges something against the school (do we really believe you now, Maurice Clarett?).

Anyhow, Bush and his family allegedly accepted over $100,000 in benefits from marketing agents while Bush was still in college. Of course this begs the question: will it lead to NCAA sanctions? If the NCAA agrees with the findings, which, by the overwhelming evidence gathered by Yahoo! writers Charles Robinson and Jason Cole, is certainly possible, then not only should the they strip Bush of his Heisman Trophy but USC should be stripped of the National Championship they won while he was starting. This is just more evidence of colleges thumbing their noses at the NCAA.

WHY DID LONGO RESIGN?

Read more about former baseball coach Bud Longo.

SEE "LONGO IS LONG GONE..." PAGE 16

CHEERLEADING TEAM AWARDED FOR THEIR SPORTSMANSHIP

The varsity cheerleading team had a successful summer, winning a cheer leadership award at the Cheerleaders of America Camp at The Ohio State University from Aug. 1-4. The cheer leadership award was presented on a basis of sportsmanship and courtesy, as voted on by the other 24 teams at the competition. The squad came home with a giant $750 check that is displayed prominently behind cheerleading coach Vikki Long's desk in the Athletic Department office.

Raider Zone

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SENIOR TESSA HELLER chases down the ball, trying to outrun a Stow player. Senior Delia McDermott is seen in the background keeping track of another Bulldog player. The game took place Sep. 21, with Stow squeaking out a 3-2 victory.

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GAME OF THE MONTH: HB AT SHAKER

START TIME: 4:30 p.m. Oct. 12, in front of Woodbury Elementary School

SHAKER PLAYERS TO WATCH: Gracie Levin, senior forward; Delia McDermott, senior defender; Maggie O'Connor, junior forward

HATHAWAY BROWN PLAYERS TO WATCH: Sarah Hill, junior forward; Abigail Taft, junior midfielder

NOTABLE: Hathaway Brown has reached four straight state semifinals and won the 2002 state championship. Taft was named to the Junior Olympic team this summer. The Plain Dealer named both teams "teams to watch." Levin leads Shaker in goals with seven. Shaker is led by nine seniors, while Hathaway Brown has only two and has 10 first year varsity players.

Compiled by Teddy Cahill

Field hockey sizes up local teams after overseas trip

BY TEDDY CAHILL
RAIDER ZONE EDITOR

The field hockey team, coming off a summer full of training and a trip to Holland, started the season with high expectations that have thus far proved possible.

"I wasn't surprised when we were named [a Plain Dealer "team to watch"]," said senior defender Delia McDermott. "We got significantly better from last season, and that just raised our own expectations."

The team has started the season with impressive wins over Cleveland Heights and Western Reserve Academy, beginning the season with a 2-4 record. In all of their losses Shaker dominated the stat column but was unable to find the back of the net.

"We outplayed Hudson, we just weren't able to score," said senior forward Gracie Levin.

One of the keys to the Raider's success was their trip to Holland over the summer to train and play against Dutch teams. The team played in Holland for eight days, and participated in a clinic run by a Dutch national team player. The experience was beneficial both to talent level and for the team as a whole.

"We got closer as a unit, so we now are very used to each other," McDermott said. "It was a great experience."

The trip to Holland was the start to a summer full of training that the team organized itself. The captains organized practices at Thornton Park twice a week. Some players also participated in the lifting and Big Red programs run by strength and conditioning coach Mark Hoskins.

"Our expectations were reinforced because of players practicing on their own after Holland," coach Chantal Ayers said.

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SENIOR KATIE ROHACZ reaches for the ball during a game Sep. 21

The team has been building for this year since Ayers was hired three years ago. This year's team includes nine seniors and seven juniors that have spent the summer preparing for the season.

"We lost 12 seniors after [the '04 season], but this year is senior-heavy and it's good to have older players," Levin said.

Shaker has been lead on offense by Levin and Emily Cameron with nine points each. Points are compiled by adding goals and assists. Levin leads the team with seven goals, while Cameron and Maggie O'Conner lead assists with four each.

Still, the team's reputation at school is for their team spirit rather than on-field success.

"Field hockey is stereotyped around Shaker, and people just don't understand it," said Levin, "it's a great sport with lots of skill and strength involved."

LONGO IS LONG GONE AFTER 20 SUCCESSFUL YEARS

BY MIKE YOUNG
RAIDER ZONE EDITOR

The year of turnover for Shaker athletics has continued into the beginning of this school year.

After replacing football (Dave Sedmak) and soccer coaches (Geoff Gainford) as well as Athletic Directors (Susan Brown and Dave Sedmak) this year, Shaker administrators were forced to deal with the resignation of baseball manager Bud Longo.

LONGO

"I have family and academic responsibilities like I haven't had before," Longo said. "I knew these responsibilities were coming and I wasn't going to have time available to dedicate to sports."

In his 20 years as head coach, Longo went 298-169 for a winning percentage of .638, a school record. Longo also spent nine years as an assistant.

Senior pitcher and infielder Glenn Testen had played under Longo for two years. "He gave me confidence to perform well each game," Testen said.

Before joining the staff in 1977, Longo was an accomplished baseball player at Shaker under the winningest coach in school history, Fred Heinlen.

Longo credits a lot of his success as a coach to his mentor.

"He had a huge impact [on my career] just teaching me the fundamentals of the game," Longo said.

Though Longo noted that Heinlen won two state championships, Longo felt that he had no pressure to live up to Heinlen's success.

"We won a league championship our first year," Longo said.

Longo comes off a season in which the team went 14-13, finished third in the LEL and reached the district semifinals. The team also enjoyed a game at Jacobs Field, an experience which, for most high school students, is only a dream.

Yet Longo did not feel that this past season was a perfect climax to his career.

"With 14 victories, it wasn't," he said. "I would've liked to have a regional appearance."

Perhaps Longo's best season was in 1994 when the baseball team won 24 games, second most of any season in school history.

In his 20 years as head coach, Longo has had two players, Matt Guerrier and Andrew Earley drafted, and has had a profound impact on many, including a pair of brothers.

Junior pitcher and infielder River McWilliams, who made varsity as a freshman, knew Longo while his brother, Arden, was on the team.

"He had such a passion for the game," McWilliams said. "We're sorry we couldn't get the 300th win for him."

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